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Docket No: Q77201

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For: COMMUNICATION TERMINAL UNIT, CONNECTION CONTROL METHOD AND
PROGRAM FOR THE METHOD

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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REMARKS

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated March 2, 2007.

The Reasons for Allowance refer to features that are not recited in all of the claims. For example, the Examiner notes that the present invention is directed to a "communication terminal" that has a "controller" and "communication circuit." However, claims 11 and 12 do not refer to a communication terminal, a controller, or a communication circuit. Therefore, Applicant submits that each claim is patentable based on its specific limitations.

Also, the Examiner refers to a "patentably distinct feature" for the reasons for allowance. However, Applicant submits that other patentable features may exist in the claims and that the

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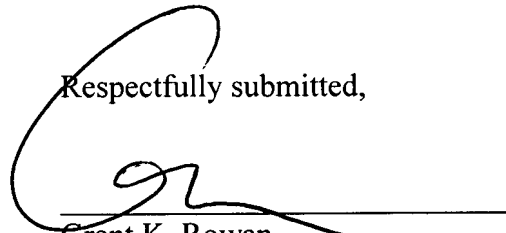
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claims are allowable for the combination of recited features and not based on any subset of limitations.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application."

Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth in the Notice of Allowance.

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